
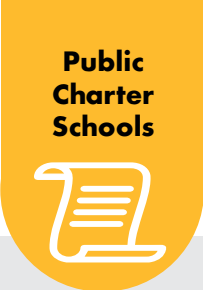






# SCHOOL CHOICE IN LOUISIANA

School choice is the process of families choosing the K-12 educational options that best fit their children.

	 <b>Traditional Public Schools</b>	 <b>Public Charter Schools</b>	 <b>Magnet Public Schools</b>	 <b>Online Learning</b>	 <b>Private Schools</b>	 <b>Home Education</b>
<b>AVAILABILITY</b>	<b>broad*</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>	<b>broad</b>
<b>COST</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free</b>	<b>free to some</b>	<b>varies</b>
<b>IN LOUISIANA...</b>	<p>Traditional public schools are available for families throughout the state. States that allow families access to their choice of traditional public schools offer what's called "open enrollment."</p> <p>In general, Louisiana allows districts to set their own open enrollment policies. In some cases, open enrollment is required, such as when students wish to transfer from a school in academic distress to one not in academic distress.</p>	<p>Charter schools are public schools that are allowed the freedom to innovate while being held accountable for student achievement.</p> <p>Public charter schools are available for families across Louisiana. These schools can be opened after they are authorized by school districts or the state.</p>	<p>Public magnet schools are permitted in all 50 states and focus on specific themes, such as math, science, technology, or the performing arts.</p> <p>Louisiana has several magnet schools throughout the state.</p>	<p>Online public schools are permanent, fully-online, and free educational options that teach students through digital classes.</p> <p>Louisiana offers several free, full-time online learning options for students, such as Louisiana Virtual Charter Academy or University View Academy.</p>	<p>Private schools are widely available, charge tuition, and may be faith-based or independent. Many private schools or nonprofit organizations offer scholarships.</p> <p>Louisiana families can deduct nonpublic educational expenses from their taxes, and families with incomes below a certain level can qualify for state-run scholarships. Additional funding may be available from other sources.</p>	<p>All parents in Louisiana have the freedom to homeschool their children.</p> <p>Parents must provide an annual notification to the state (or school district) of their intent to homeschool. The state requires homeschooling parents to teach specific subjects and also requires some level of assessment, testing, or evaluation of homeschooled students.</p>

\* For more information, visit: [schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-louisiana](http://schoolchoiceweek.com/guide-school-choice-louisiana)



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